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THE KIND-HEARTED LUKE MUST RISE IN ORDER TO TAKE REVENGE. FOR THE MURDERED ANN WHO HE ADORED LIKE A MOTHER. HE MUST TRANSFORM INTO A DEMON OF VENGEANCE AND FACE THE INDOMITABLE GUNSLINGER QUICKDRAW HAWK ONE ON ONE. WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME OF THIS HOPELESS FIGHT BE?! BEHIND ALL THIS FLICKER THE SHADOWS OF KING'S CRIMSON GANG.

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The

Crimson Gun

CHARACTERS

QUICK DRAW **HAWK**

LARIAT **SWALLOW**

BOSS **EDWARD KING**

THE FATHER OF THE BURNS BROTHERS. HE FOUNDED THE "GRAVE DIGGERS" ALONG WITH GENE WHEN THEY IMMIGRATED TO NEW YORK FROM IRELAND. HE'S RAKING IN THE MONEY BY PEDDLING OFF GATLING GUNS HE ACQUIRED IN THE CIVIL WAR. HE WIELDS TWO PISTOLS.

BIGMOUTH **PARROT**

BOMBER **DODO**

SNIPER **EAGLE**

YOUNGER BROTHER **LUKE BURNS**

WHILE IN NEW YORK HE WORKED AT THE WHARF. WHEN HIS FATHER'S EVIL DEEDS CAME TO LIGHT, HE DECIDED TO JOIN HIS BROTHER ON THEIR CURRENT JOURNEY. HE IS MEDDLESOME AND HAS A HABIT OF STICKING HIS NOSE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK. HE NEVER SO MUCH AS HELD A FIREARM UNTIL HE SET OUT ON THIS JOURNEY, BUT HE'S ALREADY A BETTER SHOT THAN HIS BROTHER.

OLDER BROTHER **BRAD BURNS**

HE'S ON A JOURNEY TO TRACK DOWN THE MAN WHO MURDERED HIS MOTHER, HIS FATHER KING. WHILE IN NEW YORK HE WORKED AS AN ASSASSIN FOR THE GANG KNOWN AS THE "GRAVE DIGGERS". HE WENT BY THE ALIAS "GRIM REAPER" AND WAS FEARED EVEN BY HIS ALLIES. HIS WEAPON OF CHOICE IS A BAYONET, ADAPTED FROM A M1851 COLT.

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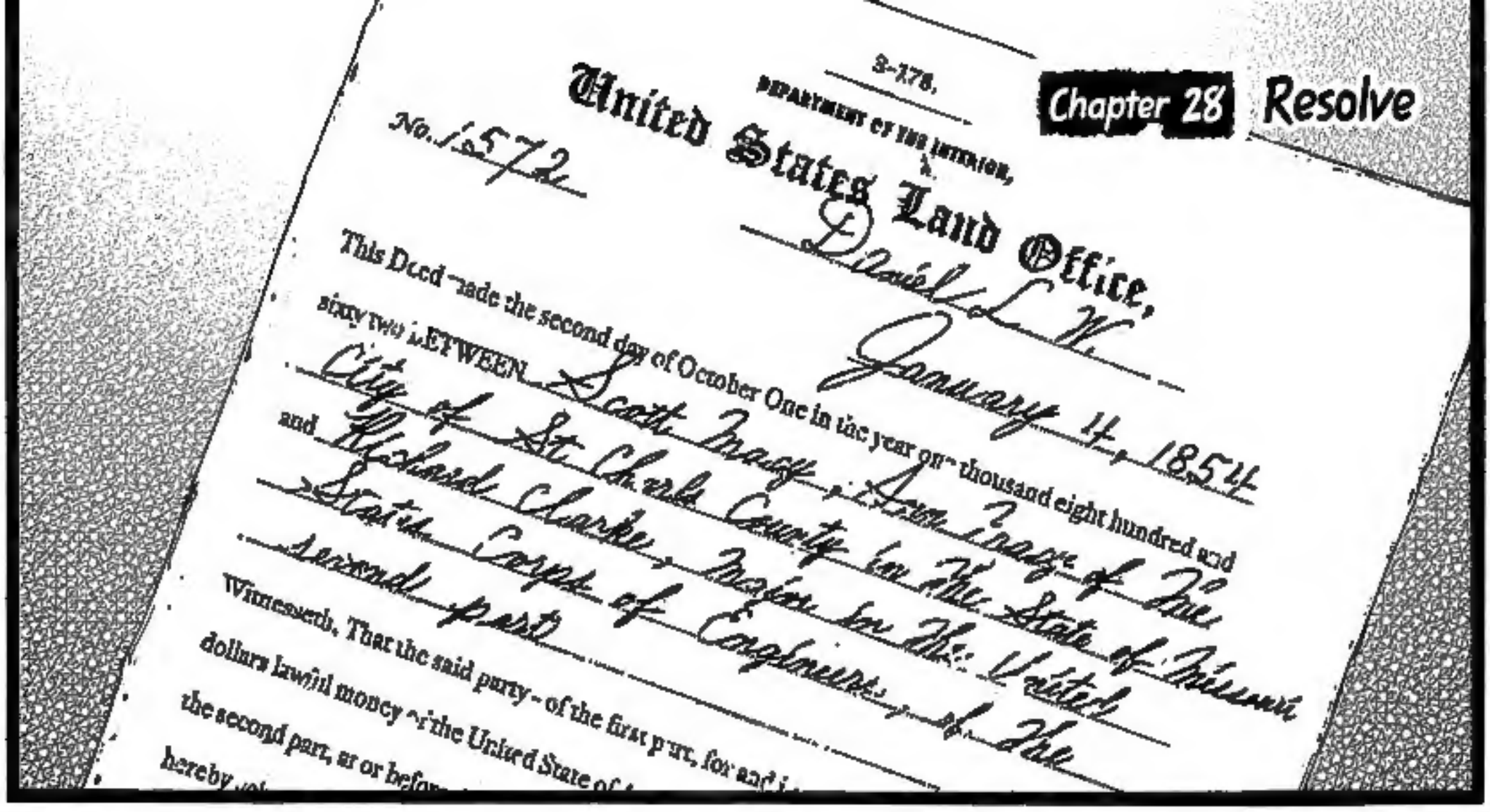
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January 14, 1854
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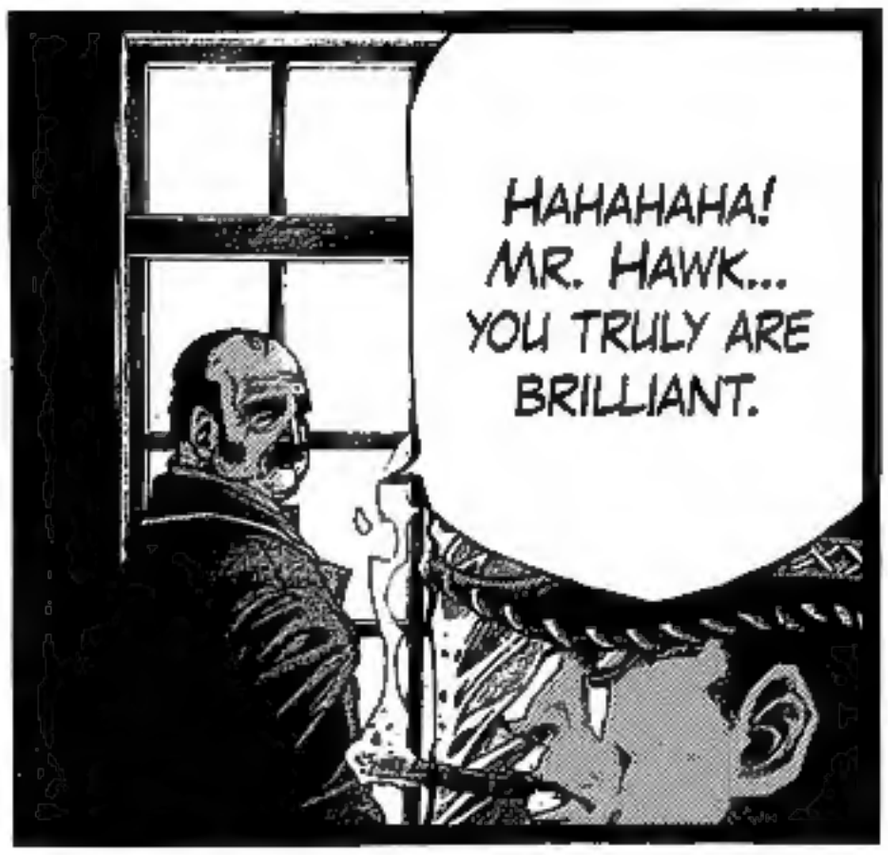
sixty two BETWEEN Scott Macy, Esq. Surveyor of the
City of St. Charles County for the State of Missouri
and Richard Clarke, Major in the United
States Corps of Engineers of the
second part
Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and
dollars lawful money of the United State of
the second part, as or befor
hereby

THE TITLE DEED TO THE MACY FARM.
THAT SHOULD DO IT, RIGHT?

PEOPLE WILL YET AGAIN BE THANKFUL TO ME.

IT'S A SHAME WHAT HAPPENED TO ANNE MACY BUT...

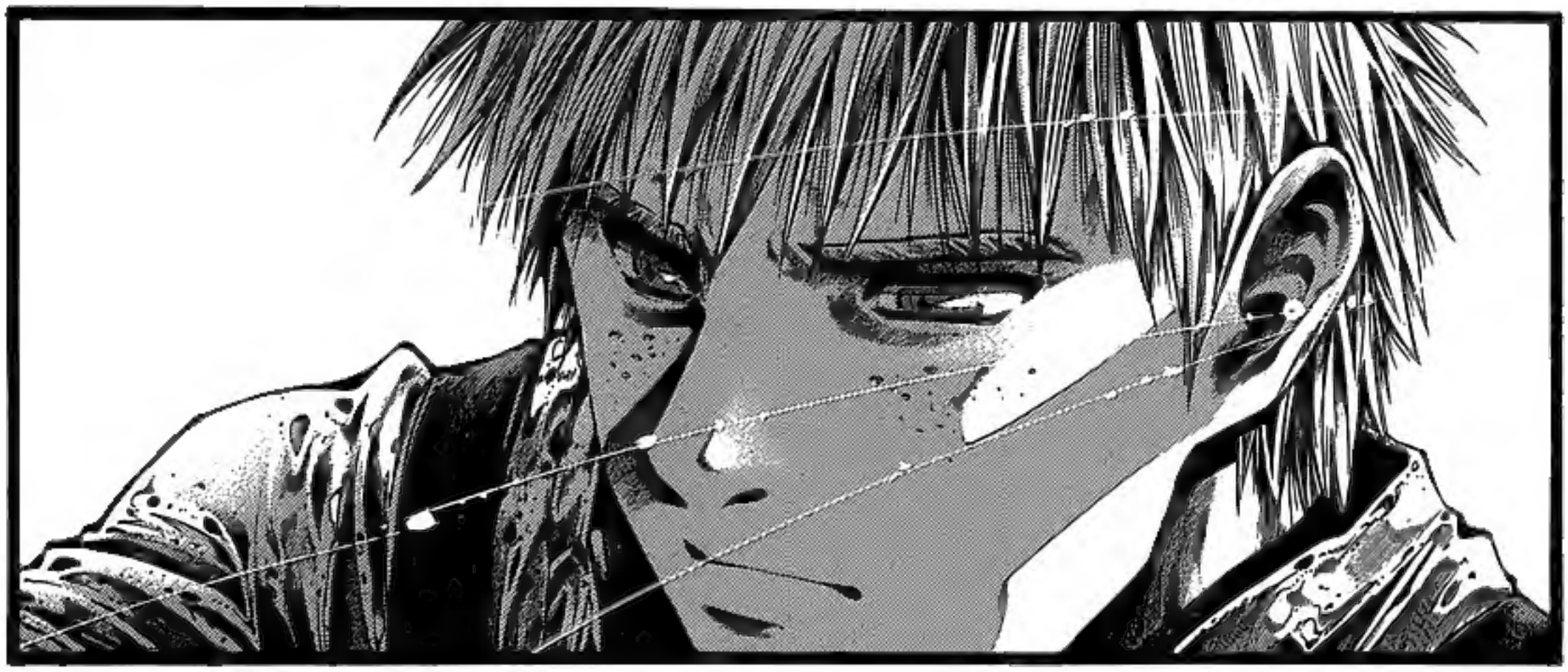

HAHAHAHA! MR. HAWK... YOU TRULY ARE BRILLIANT.

THEY WILL FACE ME WITH REVERENCE IN THEIR EYES AND WORSHIP THE GROUND I WALK ON.

IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TOWN.

YOU CAN REJOICE, MR. HAWK.
YOU ACTED IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE.

I SHALL BECOME...
THE HERO OF THIS TOWN.



Anne Macy
1824-1867

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

JUST HURRY UP AND GO...

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU FREELOAD LIKE MY MOTHER.

HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON STAYING THERE?

JENNY...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?

SLAP

I HAVE NO NEED FOR GUYS LIKE YOU.

I'LL MANAGE ON MY OWN...

THROB

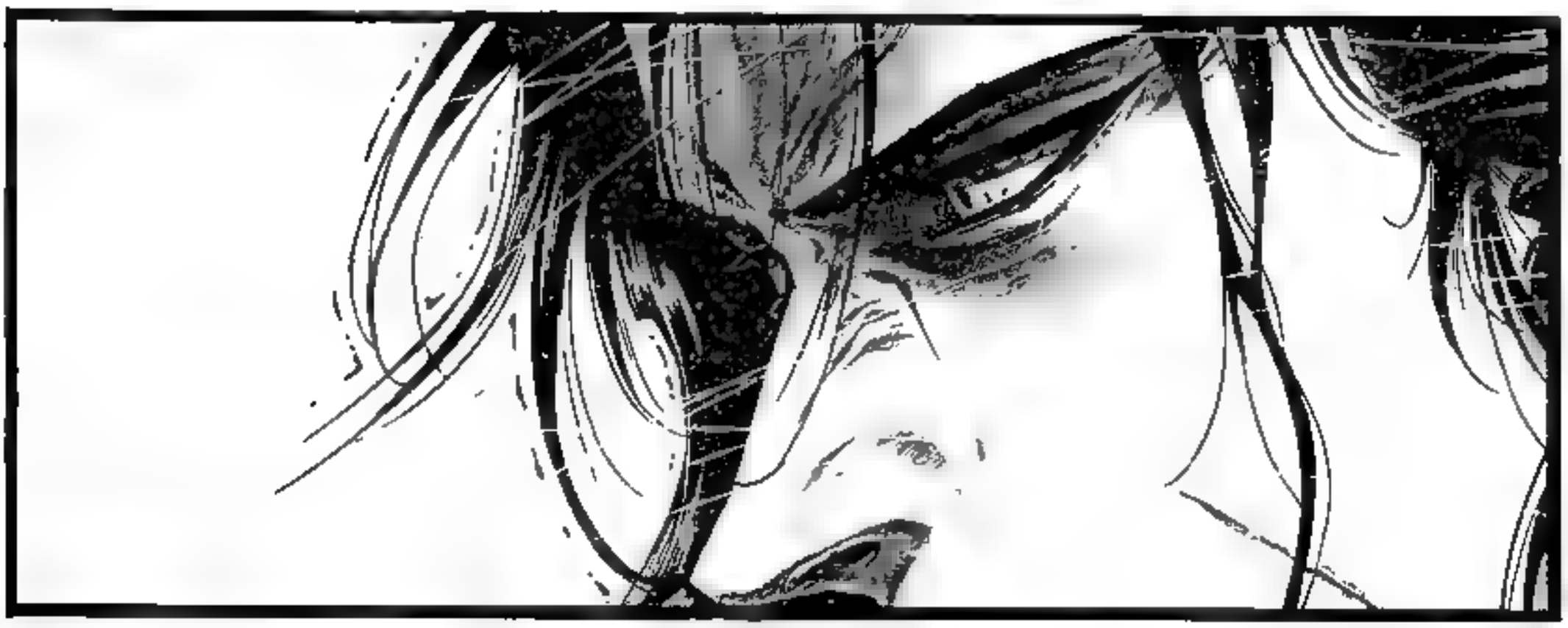
THROB THROB

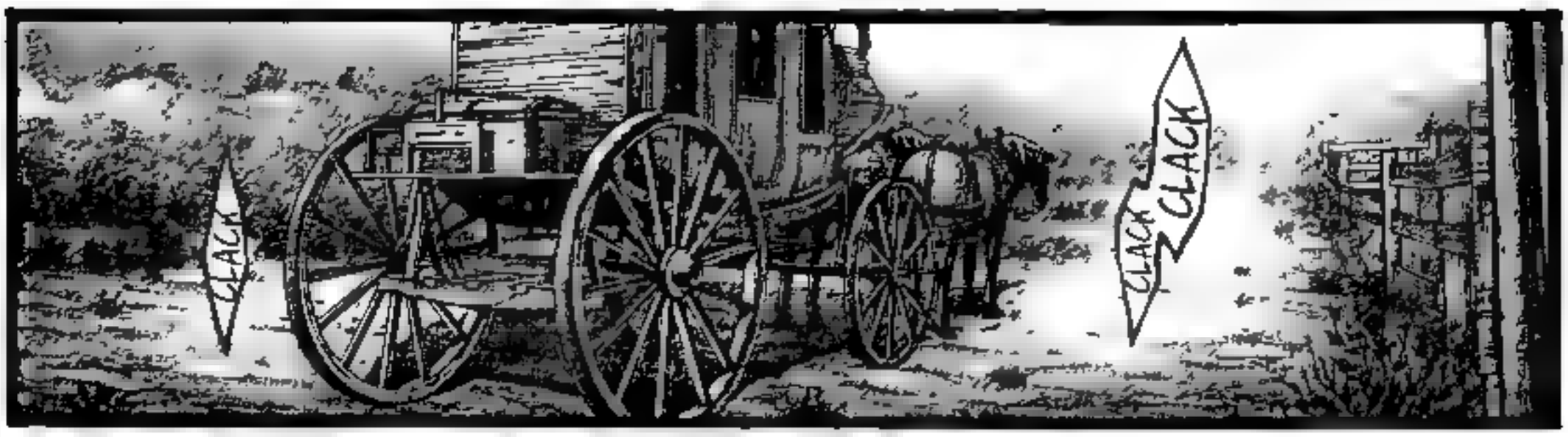
GET OUT!

NOW!

GRIP

ON...MY OWN...




CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

CLACK

THANK YOU...

TAP

Anne Mary

I CAME RUNNING WHEN I HEARD THE BAD NEWS.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, YOU HAVE MY CONDOLENCES.

SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON...

WE'VE LOST...

OH MY! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?

THIS IS RATHER AWKWARD...

CONTRACT?

I APOLOGIZE FOR BRINGING THIS UP AT SUCH A DELICATE TIME, JENNY...

BUT WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME CONFIRM THE CONTRACT?

THE THING IS, I RECEIVED THIS FARM FROM ANNE MACY WHILE SHE WAS STILL ALIVE.

WHAT?

.....

YOU...

THE TITLE DEED IN MY POSSESSION ALREADY.

I EVEN HAVE...

IF YOU ARE OFF THE FARM IN A WEEK OR SO, THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

YOU SEE, THE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE WHAT THEY ARE.

I HAVE NO DOUBT MY ENTHUSIASM RUBBED OFF ON HER...

SINCE IT WAS FOR THE SAKE OF THE TOWN, SHE DECIDED IT'D BE BEST IF SHE GAVE IT TO ME FOR FREE.

JENNY!

TU

GAB

YOU?!

FORGIVE ME, BUT I'M NOT FOLLOW-ING...

CLENCH

HAHA HAHA...

WHO KILLED MY MOTHER!!!

YOU'RE THE ONE

JENNY.

THE CULPRIT WAS NO DOUBT HIRED BY SOME-ONE.

YOU MUST BE JOKING.

EVEN IF IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE...

I'D RATHER NOT BE FORCED TO MAKE ANY MORE SACRIFICES...

I'LL BE OFF THEN.

I SHALL RETURN IN A WEEK.

STEP

!?

TAP

YOU'RE A CLEVER GIRL.

BE OBEDIENT AND DO AS I SAY.

STEP

IF YOU WANT IT THAT BADLY...

YOU CAN HAVE IT... OVER OUR DEAD BODIES...

THIS LAND...

DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.

BRING HIM WITH YOU...

THE SON OF A BITCH WHO MURDERED ANNE...

BRAD... LEAVING LUKE ALONE LIKE THAT...

IT WAS A DIRECT ORDER.
THAT BRAT...
BESIDES, HE TOLD ME TO PROTECT YOU...

THIS IS HIS RESOLVE...
HE NEEDS TO HANDLE THIS ON HIS OWN.

REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID...
HE...

BUT WHY?
HAHAHAHA... IT'S BECAUSE HE'S EVEN MORE SIMPLE-MINDED THAN ME.

MADE A PROMISE TO ANNE.

TO RETURN TO THAT LAND WHEN OUR JOURNEY IS THROUGH...

WELL I DON'T APPROVE OF ANY OF THIS, JUST FOR THE RECORD...

OH... AS STRICT AS ALWAYS...

THE LAND THAT ANNE LEFT BEHIND MEANS A LOT TO US AS WELL...

JENNY, IT'S NOT ONLY YOU...

NOT JUST LUKE, BUT ME AS WELL...

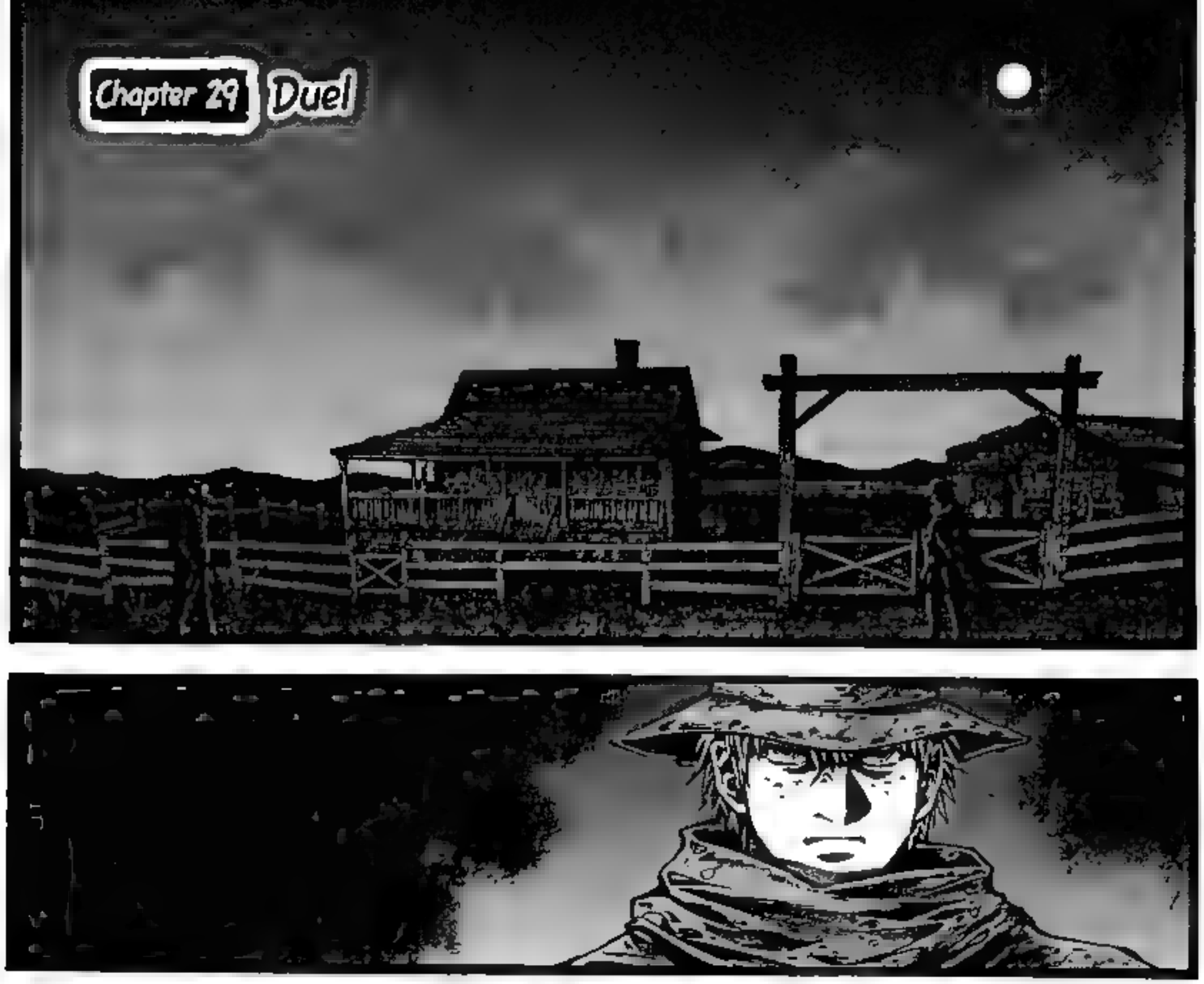
THAT'S WHY, IT'S WORTH RISKING OUR LIVES FOR.

WHOA!
THUMP
WHOA!

JUDGE

Chapter 28 / END

Chapter 29 Duel



DRAW...

FWOOSH

WELL...

NO MATTER...

SO KID, WHICH IS IT?

YOU GOT SOME SORTA DEATH WISH OR ARE YOU JUST A FUCKING IDIOT?

FWIP

IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE...

YOU WANNA DIE YOUNG...

QUICK-DRAW?

IT WASN'T SOMETHING JUST ANYONE COULD PULL OFF...

THE ANGLE OF THE SHOT AND THE TRAJECTORY.

I REALIZED IT AS SOON AS I SAW ANNE'S GUNSHOT WOUND.

YEAH...

EXTREMELY FAST...

IT WAS ALSO...

THEN DOES THAT MEAN LUKE...?

WAIT A MINUTE...

HE VERY WELL MIGHT DIE.

CLICK

CLICK

B

BUT HE...

DID A COMPLETE ONE-EIGHTY THAT DAY...

LUKE'S ALWAYS BEEN A PACIFIST.

YOU KNOW THE KIND...WHEN THEY GET SMACKED AROUND, THEY JUST SMILE IT OFF...

HE CHOSE TO GIVE UP ON EVER FINDING HAPPINESS...

JUST LIKE ME...

!

AND THAT'S WHEN LUKE...

LEARNED HOW TO FIGHT.

BULL...
SHIT...

WOOSH WOOSH

FIRING BACK... FROM THAT ANGLE...

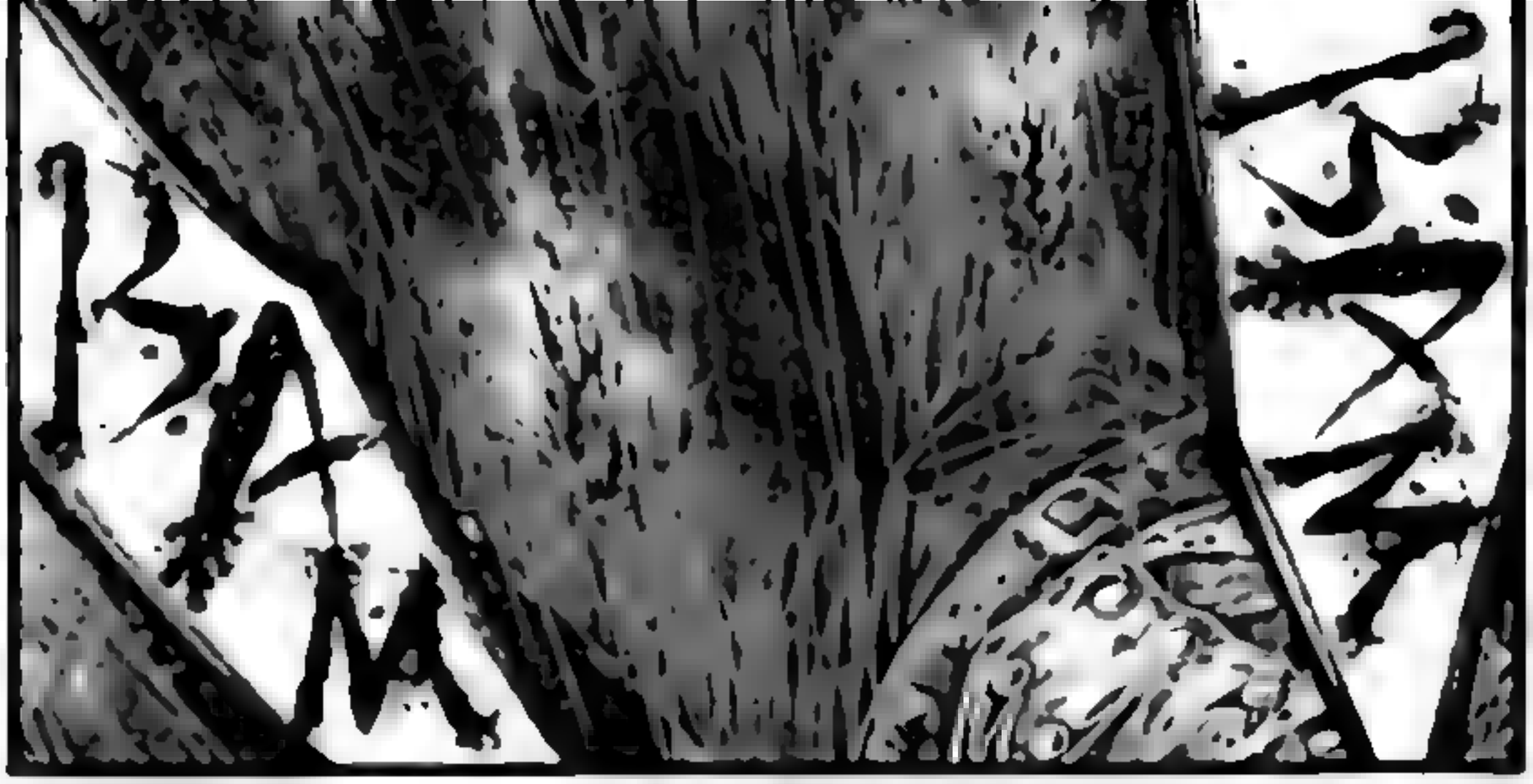
CRASH

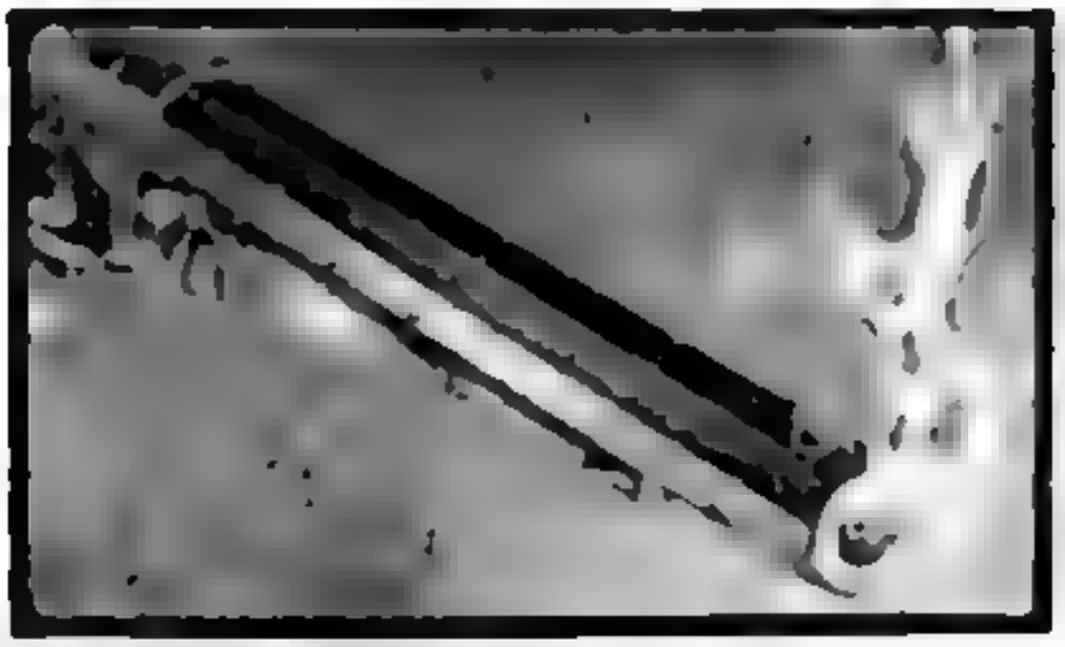
CRASH

IT CAN'T BE...

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A 14-YEAR OLD SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF...

THIS GUY... AIN'T NO AMATEUR...





SHIT
YOU LIT... LITTLE SHIT...
HOW DARE YOU...

FOUR SHOTS...

THE NUMBER OF BULLETS YOU UNLOADED INTO ANNE...

THAT'S...

I HAVE ONE SHOT LEFT...

CLICK

WHICH MEANS...

HE... HEY... PUNK...

EVEN YOU MUST'VE HEARD OF US...

I'LL TELL YOU NOW, IF YOU KILL ME THE BOSS AIN'T GONNA LET IT SLIDE...

ALONG WITH THE NAME EDWARD KING...

THE CRIMSON GANG...

YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST THREE DAYS, TOPS...

ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, HE'LL BE SO FAR UP YOUR ASS...

HEHEHE...JUST AS I EXPECTED .. HEARING THAT FINALLY KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO YOU...

HE'S INFAMOUS EVEN DOWN IN THESE PARTS...

I SEE...

NOW I HAVE ONE MORE REASON...

TO BLOW YOUR FUCKING HEAD OFF.

CLICK

THAT'S A BURDEN THAT WILL FOREVER WEIGH YOU DOWN...

LUKE... IF YOU KILL HIM ...NO MATTER HOW VILE AND UNDESERVING OF LIFE HE IS...

JUST LIKE ME...

ONCE YOU STEP ACROSS THAT LINE... YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COME BACK...

CAN YOU STILL PULL THE TRIGGER...?

KNOWING THIS...

Chapter 21 / END

Chapter 30 Culprit

WHY NOT COME IN AND DECOMPRESS?

HEY, BIG BOY YOU LOOK ENERGETIC.

West Central Railroad

STOP

Charles Howard

CREAK

LEAN

WHY NOT SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF TAKING YOUR HEAD...

AND JUST HAND OVER THE MACY'S TITLE DEED...

DR

CHARLES HOWARD...

YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE...

!

WHO?

THAT SON OF A ...BITCH...

WHEEZE WHEEZE WHEEZE

IT WAS A....MIS... TAKE...

IT SHOULDN'T HAVE...INVOLVED MYSELF...WITH THE LIKES OF HIM...

STOLE MY ENTIRE FORTUNE...

I WAS... ROBBED... OF ALL...

EDWARD... KING...

THE BOSS OF THE CRIMSON GANG...

(END)

.....

WHERE...

HE TOOK IT ALL...

MY DREAMS... MY MONEY... EVERYTHING...

PANT

PANT

PANT

CREAK

WHERE...

IS HE?!!

MR. HOWARD...

I MUST BE DREAMING...

KYAAAAA!!! SOMEBODY!!

MURDERER!

IT'S UNFORGIVABLE! KILLING A MAN WHO DID NOTHING BUT HAVE THE TOWNS BEST INTEREST AT HEART.

MUST'A BEEN SOME MISERABLE WRETCH WHO DID IT... NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT...

THE MISSING MONEY AND VALUABLES TOLD THE WHOLE STORY...

HE APPARENTLY THREATENED THE SECRETARY WITH A GUN THEN TOOK OFF...

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MR. HOWARD?

YEAH, HEARD HE GOT DONE IN BY SOME BURGLAR...

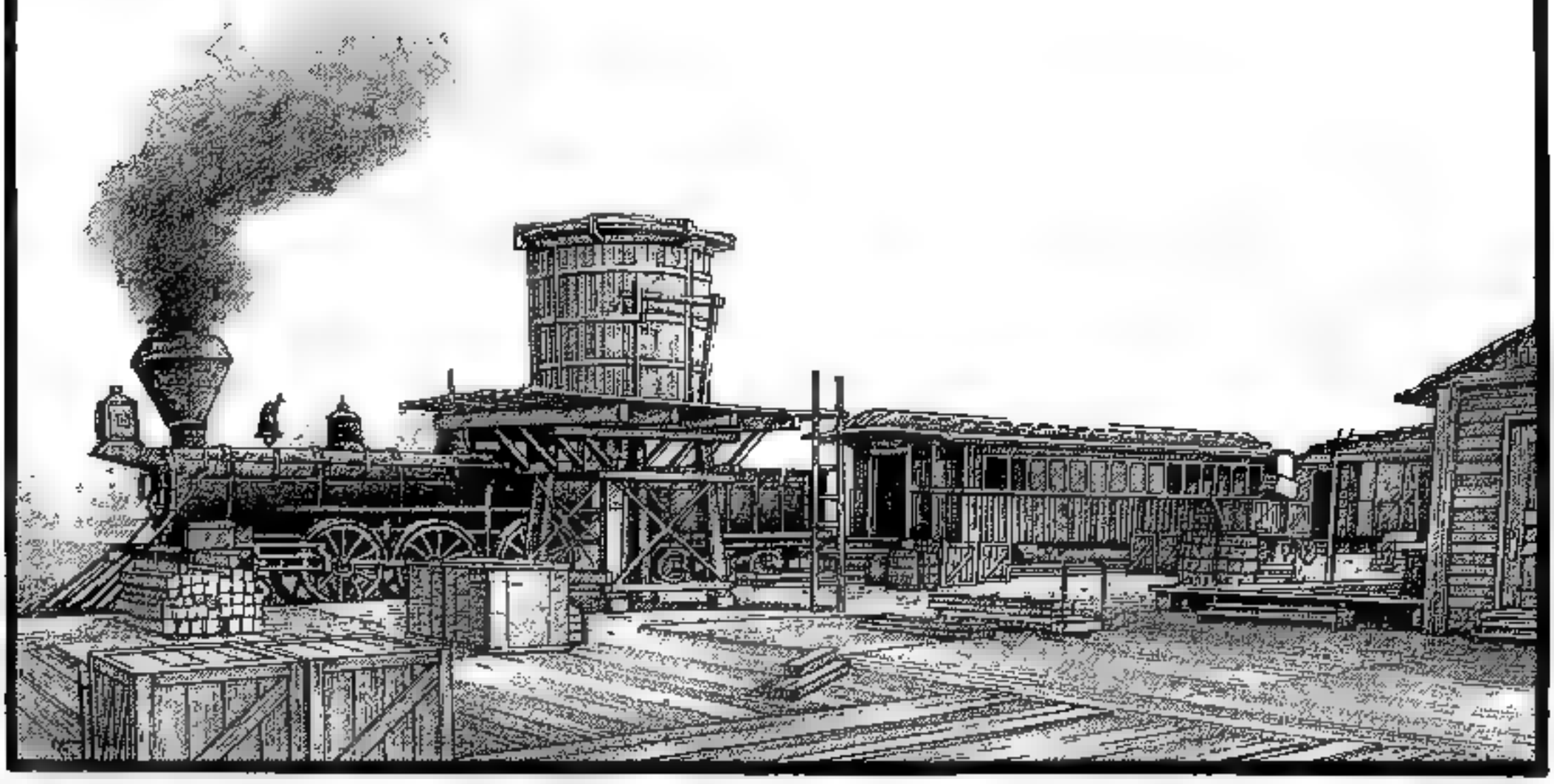
OBVIOUSLY! HE OUGHTTA BE HANGED.

RUMBLE

IT SEEMS THE RAILWAY COMPANY PUT A BOUNTY ON HIS NECK.

During the burgeoning
railway expansion, the government readily
granted lands and loans so the competition
for building new railways was fierce.

As such, a new employee was
immediately dispatched to the town following
Charles Howard's death and the development
continued as if nothing had ever happened.



WANTED

THIS MAN...

IS THE PRIME SUSPECT IN THE CHARLES HOWARD MURDER.

D OR ALIVE

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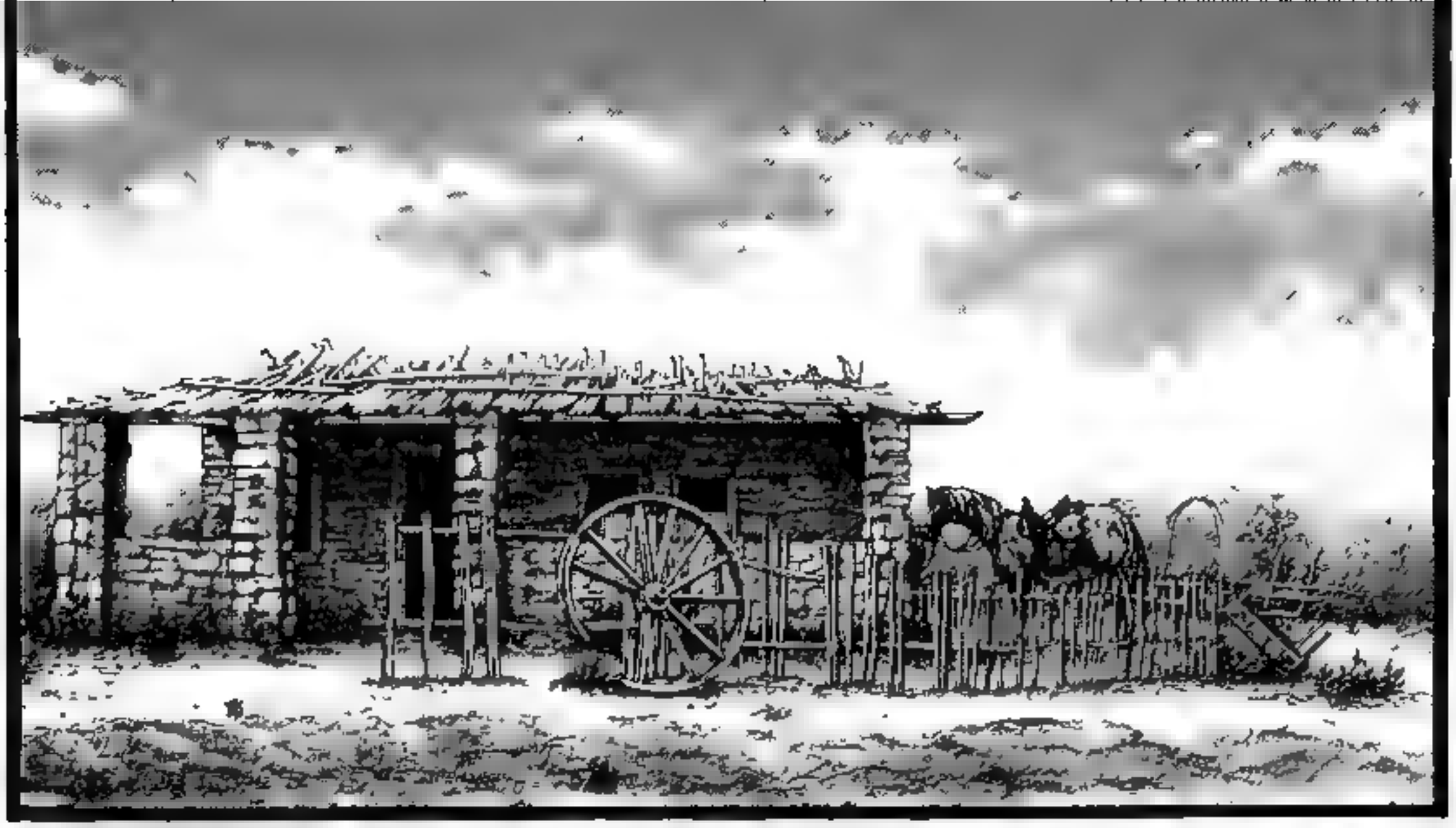
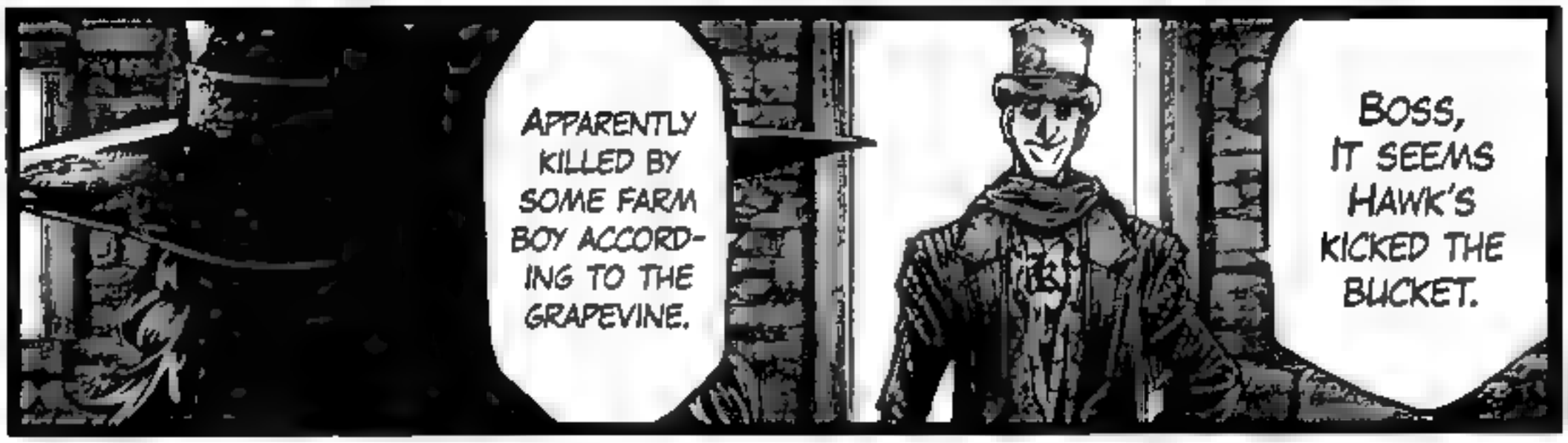
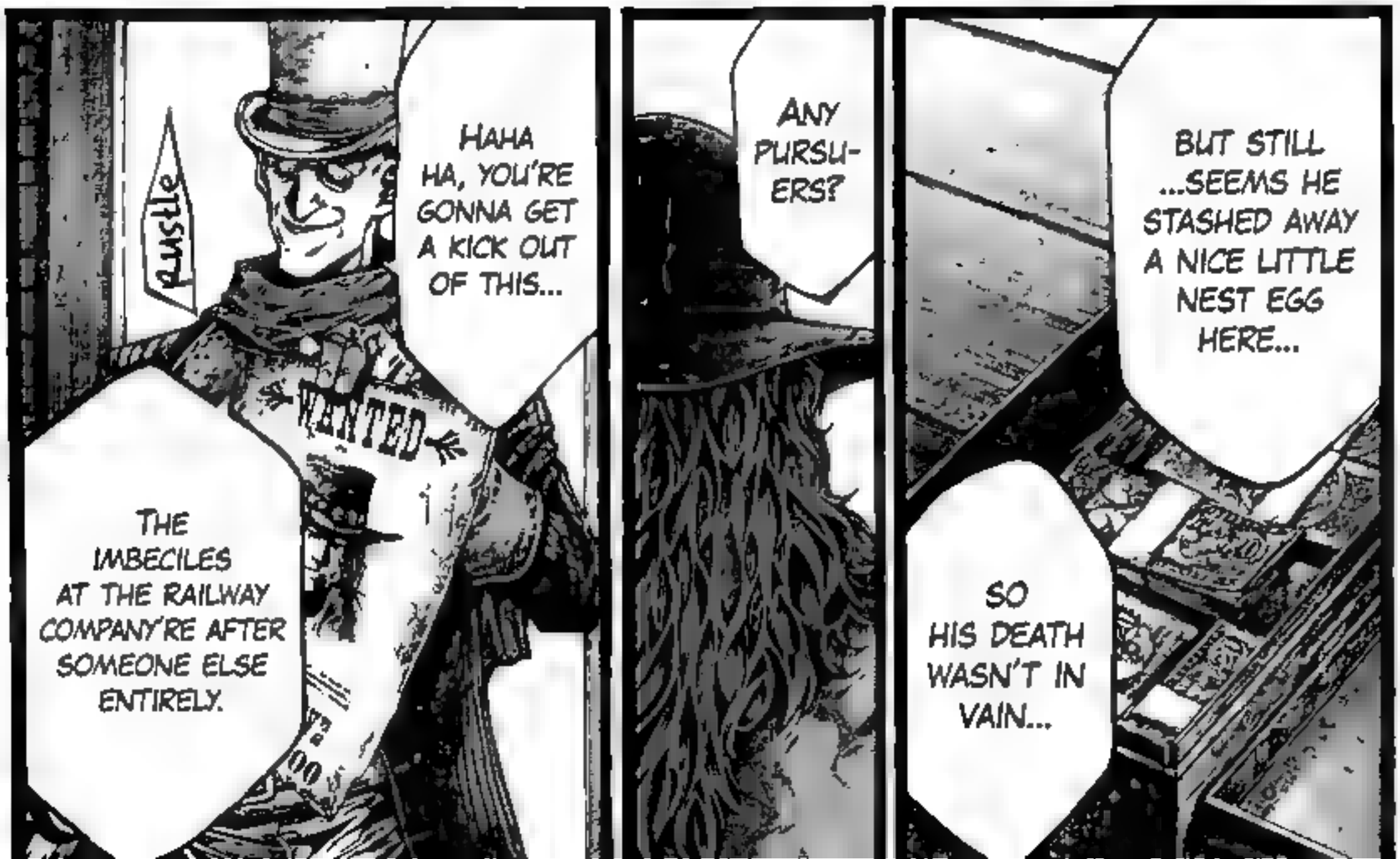
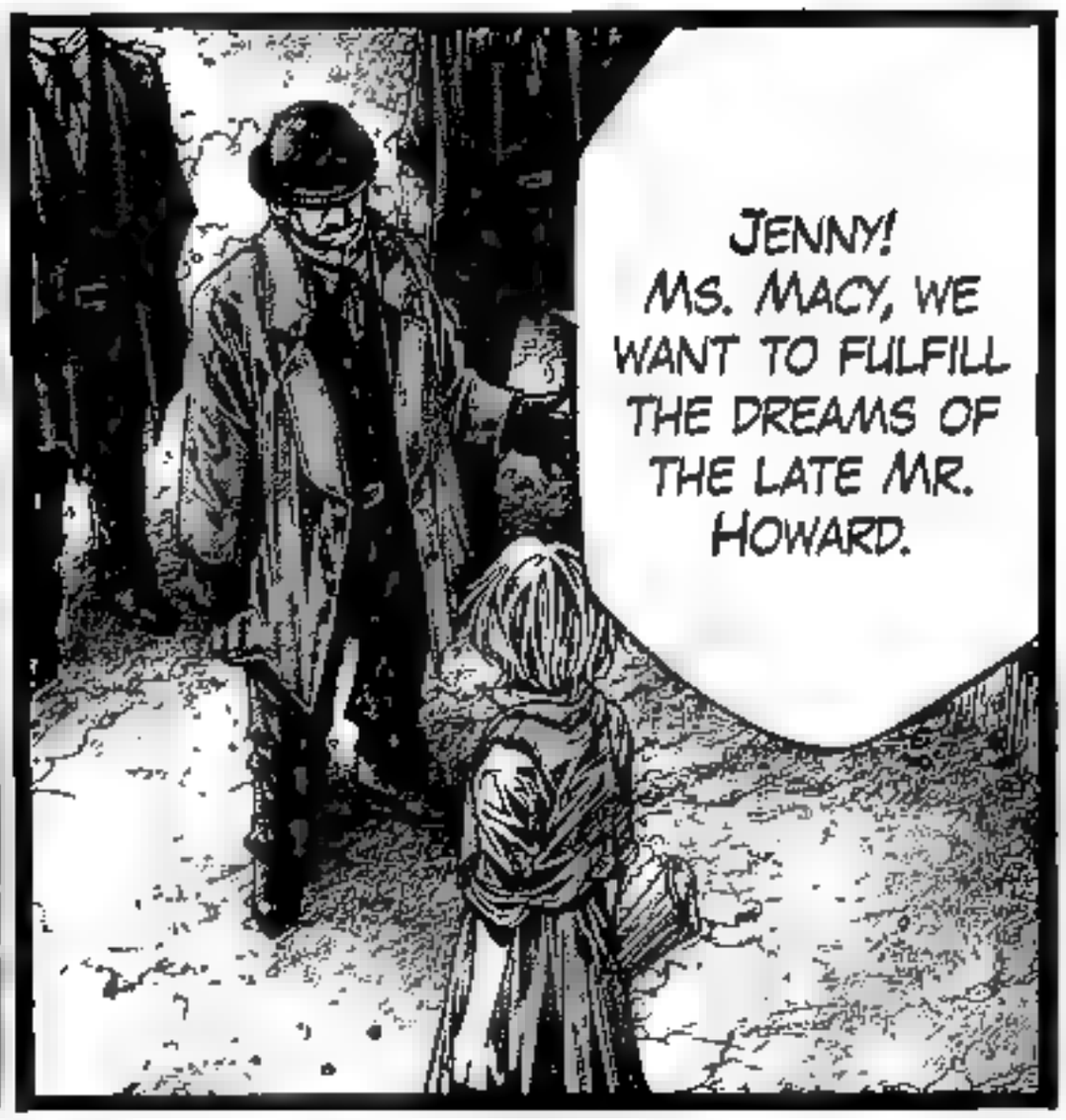



APPARENTLY KILLED BY SOME FARM BOY ACCORDING TO THE GRAPEVINE.
BOSS, IT SEEMS HAWK'S KICKED THE BUCKET.


HAHA HA, YOU'RE GONNA GET A KICK OUT OF THIS...
THE IMBECILES AT THE RAILWAY COMPANY'RE AFTER SOMEONE ELSE ENTIRELY.
ANY PURSUERS?
BUT STILL ...SEEMS HE STASHED AWAY A NICE LITTLE NEST EGG HERE...
SO HIS DEATH WASN'T IN VAIN...

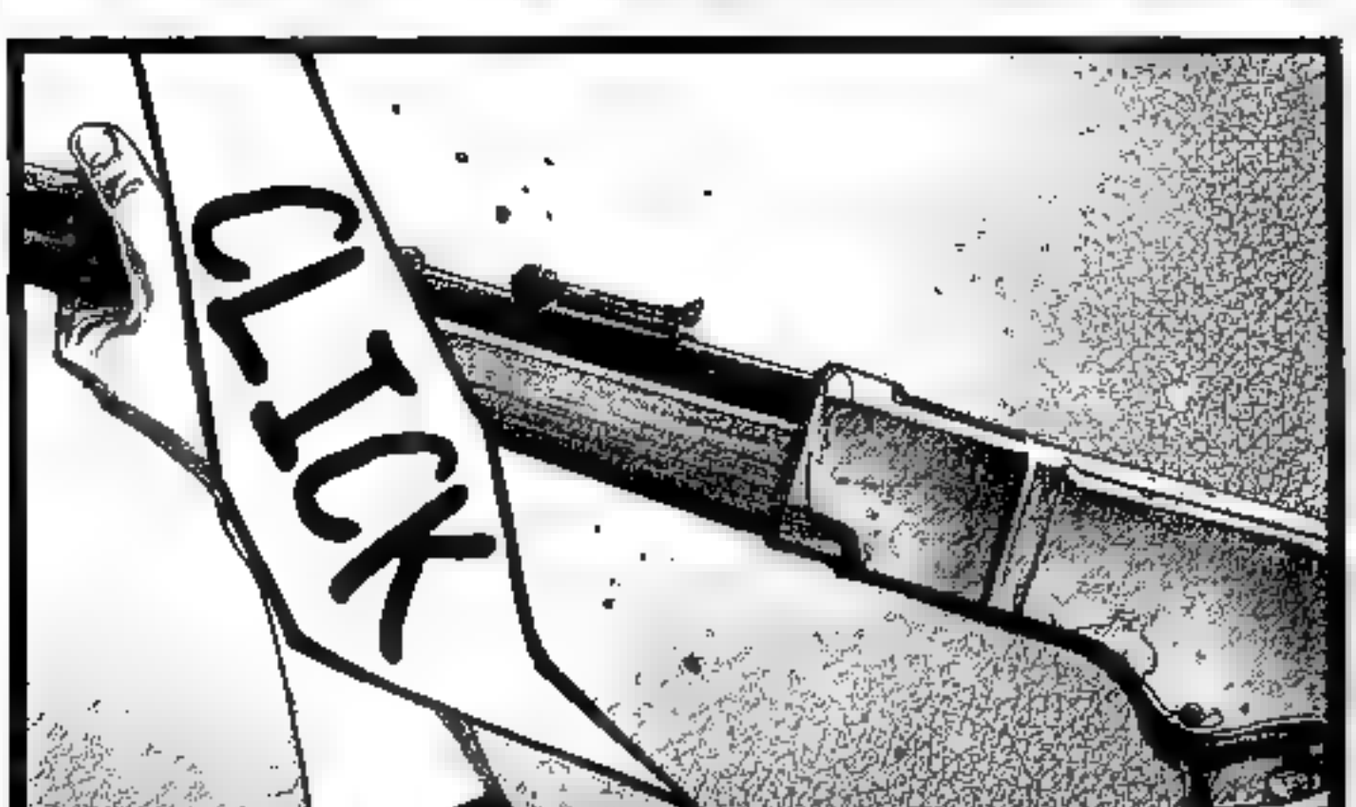
LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO PICK UP...
HOOO...

WE WAN'T YOU TO SELL YOUR LAND TO THE WEST CENTRAL RAILROAD ...WE'RE WILLING TO MEET ANY PRICE!


JENNY! MS. MACY, WE WANT TO FULFILL THE DREAMS OF THE LATE MR. HOWARD.

WE'D NEVER DREAM OF DOING SUCH A BARBA-RIC...
THA... THAT'S...

I SEE...SO YOU WANNA FLING A LARGE SUM OF MONEY MY WAY TO OBTAIN MY FARM.
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK...WILL YOU PERHAPS KILL ME AND PRY IT FROM MY COLD FINGERS?


CLICK

I WON'T SELL THIS LAND NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU SHOWER ON ME.

LEAVE!

FUCK

THAT BITCH IS NUTS!

GET A MOVE ON!

LEAVING ...THEN...

WE'LL BE...

I'LL PROTECT THIS PLACE...

DON'T WORRY, MOTHER...

THE PLACE THAT MOM AND DAD...

RISKED THEIR LIVES TO GET.

THE MAN WHO TATTOOED KING LIVES IN A TOWN CALLED WELLINGTON, 740 KM WEST OF HERE.

BRAD, THERE'S SOME NEW INFO.

ALSO...

BECAUSE OF THOSE TWO...

BRAD

I SEE.

CHOSE TO PROTECT THIS PRECIOUS PLACE...
BECAUSE THOSE IDIOTIC BROTHERS...

CREAK

Chapter 30 / END

Chapter 31 Discrimination

THERE'S NO WAY NED WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

NOT NED...

BRAD...

IT MUST'VE BEEN SOME SORT OF MISUNDER-STANDING...

WHY'D YOU GO AND SIDE WITH A NIGGER, ANYWAY?

HEY, KID! YOU DEFINITELY GOT A FEW SCREWS LOOSE.

THIS IS HOW IT TURNS OUT! HAHAHA!

WHEN YOU START BELIEVEIN' IN THE WEIRD LOGIC OF A NIGGER

I TOLD YA, DIDN'T I? IF YOU GIVE THEM NIGGERS AN INCH, THEY'LL TAKE A WHOLE MILE.

LUKE...

CLENCH

TODAY WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT.

THERE'S NO POINT IN OVER-THINKING IT...

OUR JOB IS SIMPLY CATCHING THE CATTLE THIEF ...NOTHING MORE...

IT HAPPENS TO BE NED.

EVEN IF...

EVERY-ONE STAY SHARP!

YUP! WE'RE DEFINITELY CLOSE TO THE ENEMY'S HIDEOUT.

THE PREVIOUS DAY— MAY 5TH, 1867. WELLINGTON, KANSAS.

Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Missouri
St. Louis
Kentu
Wellington
Neutral Strip
Indian Territory
Tennessee

WHAT? YOU LOOKIN' FER WORK?

YES... MANUAL LABOR'S FINE TOO, ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO OFFER.

THERE'S BEEN AN AWFUL LOT OF CATTLE THIEVERY LATELY. NO MATTER THE FARM, WE'RE SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES ACROSS THE BOARD.

YOU GUYS ARE IN LUCK.

WE WERE TOLD IN TOWN THAT THERE MIGHT BE WORK TO BE FOUND HERE.

I SEE, I SEE.

tap

I WANT YOU GUYS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE THIEVES AND PROTECT THE CATTLE UNTIL THEN.

I ACTUALLY HAVE 200 TEXAS CATTLE HERE NOW MYSELF. BUT YOU SEE,

IN TWO WEEKS I'M TAKING THEM TO ABILENE.

YOU GUYS SEEM NICE AND STURDY... YOU PASS!

I RECKON YOU'LL DO A BANG UP JOB, EH?

UHM...

SQUEEZE

GRAB

LET ME SEE.

O... KAY...

SQUEEZ

GRAB

.....

WE CAN DO SOME HEAVY LIFTING TOO IF YOU LIKE...

SO...YOU JUST WANT US TO KEEP WATCH?

ALL THAT MANUAL LABOR'S COMING ALONG JUST FINE.

ITS FINE, ITS FINE.

I'M EXPECTING LOTS FROM THE BOTH OF YA.

YOUR TOP PRIOIRTY IS TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE BASTARDS AIMING FOR MY CATTLE.

WE WATCH 'EM IN SHIFTS FOR A DOLLAR A DAY.

HOW ABOUT IT, ROOKIE? EASY WORK RIGHT!

WE CAN JUST LEAVE THE BACK-BREAKING WORK TO THE NIGGERS.

ALSO...

AH...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

POUR POUR

THEY'RE LIKE SLAVES, SEE!

MUNCH

HEY ROOKIE, AIN'T NO NEED TO THANK THEM.

THEY AIN'T GO NO RIGHTS OR ANY-THING.

MUNCH MUNCH

SLIDE

GRAB

The Emancipation Proclamation was enacted during the Civil War with the hope of giving former slaves basic human rights and a respectable place within the social hierarchy. But during the reconstruction period that followed shortly thereafter, spiteful laws nicknamed "Black Codes" were enacted. In spite of these malicious laws, many freed slaves felt like their circumstances had greatly improved. The truth of the matter, however, is that the vast majority of white folk continued to look down upon the blacks with an attitude and beliefs similar to the ones held during slavery.

KICK

KICK

THERE!

KICK

THERE!

AMAZING

YOUR HORSE BREAKING TECHNIQUE, I MEAN.

KICK

YES~

ATTA BOY.

I'M LUKE BURNS.
AND YOU?
AH...I'M NED...
NED WHITE.

YEAH...WITH MY OLDER BROTHER.

I SEE... A JOURNEY, HUH?

FUN.

SOUNDS...

WHAT IF...

YOU DECIDED TO LEAVE?

I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' AFTER THESE HERE HORSES ON THIS FARM AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER...

SO I DON'T KNOW NOTHING 'BOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

HAHAHAHA, I DON'T KNOW IF FUN IS THE APPROPRIATE WORD...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

EVERYONE'S ALWAYS SAYIN'...

I DON'T KNOW.

THAT THIS HERE IS THE BEST PLACE FOR US BLACK FOLK.

ALSO...

I REALLY ENJOY LOOKIN' AFTER THESE FELLAS HERE...

I'M HAPPY HERE.

THE FARM OWNER'S A GOOD MAN.

HEY... NED...

AH... DON'T GET ME WRONG, MR. LUKE.

AS LONG AS I CAN BE WITH THEM.

I'M HAPPY...

I SEE...

.....

HEY... BRAD...

NED COULD TRAVEL WITH US...?

DO YOU THINK...

WELL ...WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...

YOU THINK THAT'LL BE A HAPPY LIFE FOR NED?

LIVING WITH US ON THE RUN...

HMM...

AND THEN WHAT?

BAM

I'M BORED OUT OF MY FUC-

-YAME

CRACK

GO!

OK!

WE DID GREAT! LET'S GO!

YAHOO!

WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE! GET A MOVE ON!

HEY, WELL DONE!

NED!

Chapter 31 / END

THE BASTARDS THAT STOLE 200 CATTLE FROM ME ARE A BUNCH A NIGGERS WHO'VE BEEN ROBBIN' CATTLE THROUGHOUT TEXAS AND KANSAS.

LISTEN UP!

Chapter 32 Determination

A KID WHO WORKED AS A HORSE TRAINER HERE AT MY RANCH.

THE MASTERMIND PULLIN' THE STRINGS WAS NED WHITE.

YOUR MISSION IS TO KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF 'EM BEFORE THEY REACH ABILENE.

THEM NIGGERS WILL MOST LIKELY BE LOOKIN' TO SELL OFF THE CATTLE IN THE NORTHERN TOWN OF ABILENE.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM THINKING HE'S JUST A KID.

THE BASTARD WILL JUST SPIT IN YOUR FACE THE FIRST CHANCE HE GETS!

USE WHAT-EVER MEANS NECESSARY...

AND GET ME BACK MY CATTLE!

HUH? WHADDYA THINK? HE'LL BE SWINGIN' OFF A NOOSE.

NO WAY!!

IF WE BRING NED BACK HERE...

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU...

HE'LL GO BACK TO WORKING WITH THE HORSES...

PROMISE ME... WHEN WE BRING BACK NED WITH THE CATTLE,

MY TERMS.

THOSE ARE...

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

HONESTLY, I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED NED TO CHOOSE TO WALK DOWN THIS PATH...

BUT THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE OF...

I...BLACK PEOPLE, WHITE PEOPLE...

ALL OF THAT MEANS NOTHING TO ME

LUKE...

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ALL THAT BACK THERE?

THERE-FORE,

SNAP

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...

SNAP

THOSE WORDS...

WERE SINCERE...

I'M HAPPY ...AS LONG AS I CAN BE WITH THE HORSES.

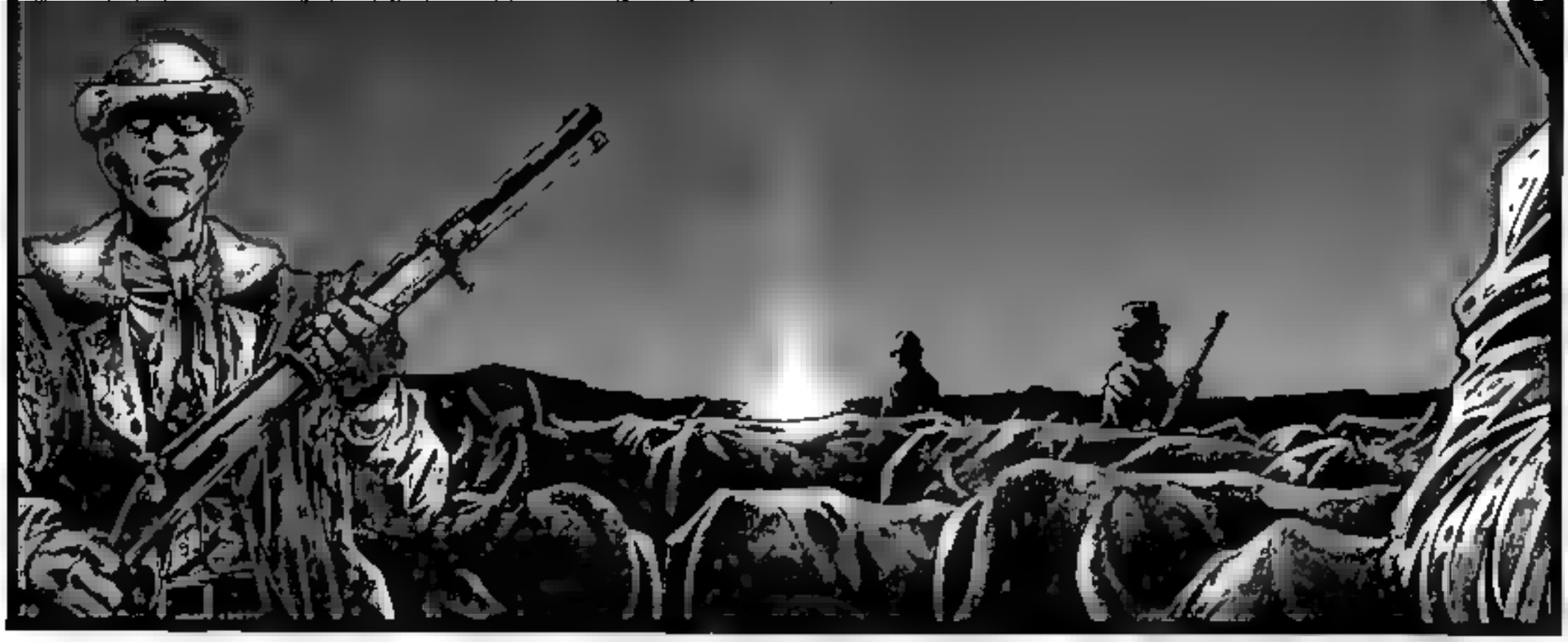
TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR ME.

PLEASE...

LUKE... YOU'RE...

I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT NED ...EVEN BY MISTAKE.

PLEASE, BRAD.



CRACK!
CRACK!

NED, AIN'T NO ONE 'ROUND THAT HANDLES THEM HORSES LIKE YOU. THAT'S A SPECIAL GIFT YOU GOT THERE.
WE COULDN'T IMITATE THAT EVEN IF WE WERE WHITE.
EVEN 4 YEARS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION THE SITUATION FOR US BLACK FOLKS AIN'T CHANGED A BIT.
NO MATTER HOW HARD WE BUST OUR ASSES, THE WHITE FOLK GET ALL THE BENEFITS.
!
GUILTY CONSCIENCE HUH? NED.
BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA...
HONESTLY I DON'T WANNA DO THIS KINDA STUFF.

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND... I DEFINITELY AIN'T SAYIN' WE'RE INFERIOR!

YOU GET WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY?

AUUU!

HEY...

PUT ALL THEM NIGGERS TO DEATH!!..

KILL 'EM!

BANG

DON'T LEAVE A SINGLE ONE OF 'EM STANDING!

BANG

BANG

GO. GO!

BANG

LET 'EM HAVE IT!

BANG

BANG

THE CRACKERS FINALLY SHOWED!

BANG

BANG

LUKE, GET DOWN! YOU DON'T WANNA GET HIT BY A STRAY BULLET.

BANG

BANG

BANG

BANG

BANG

HEY, NED!

BANG BANG BANG BANG

BANG

BANG

FUCK...I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D SHOW UP THIS FAST.

THIS WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN!

IF YOU SELL THE CATTLE THERE YOU'LL GET 6000 DOLLARS

BANG

LISTEN UP. ABILENE'S 12 KM NORTH OF HERE

YOU CAN HANDLE THE 200 CATTLE ON YOUR OWN.

WITH YOUR KNACK WITH HORSES...

GO AND START A BETTER LIFE FOR YOUR-SELF!

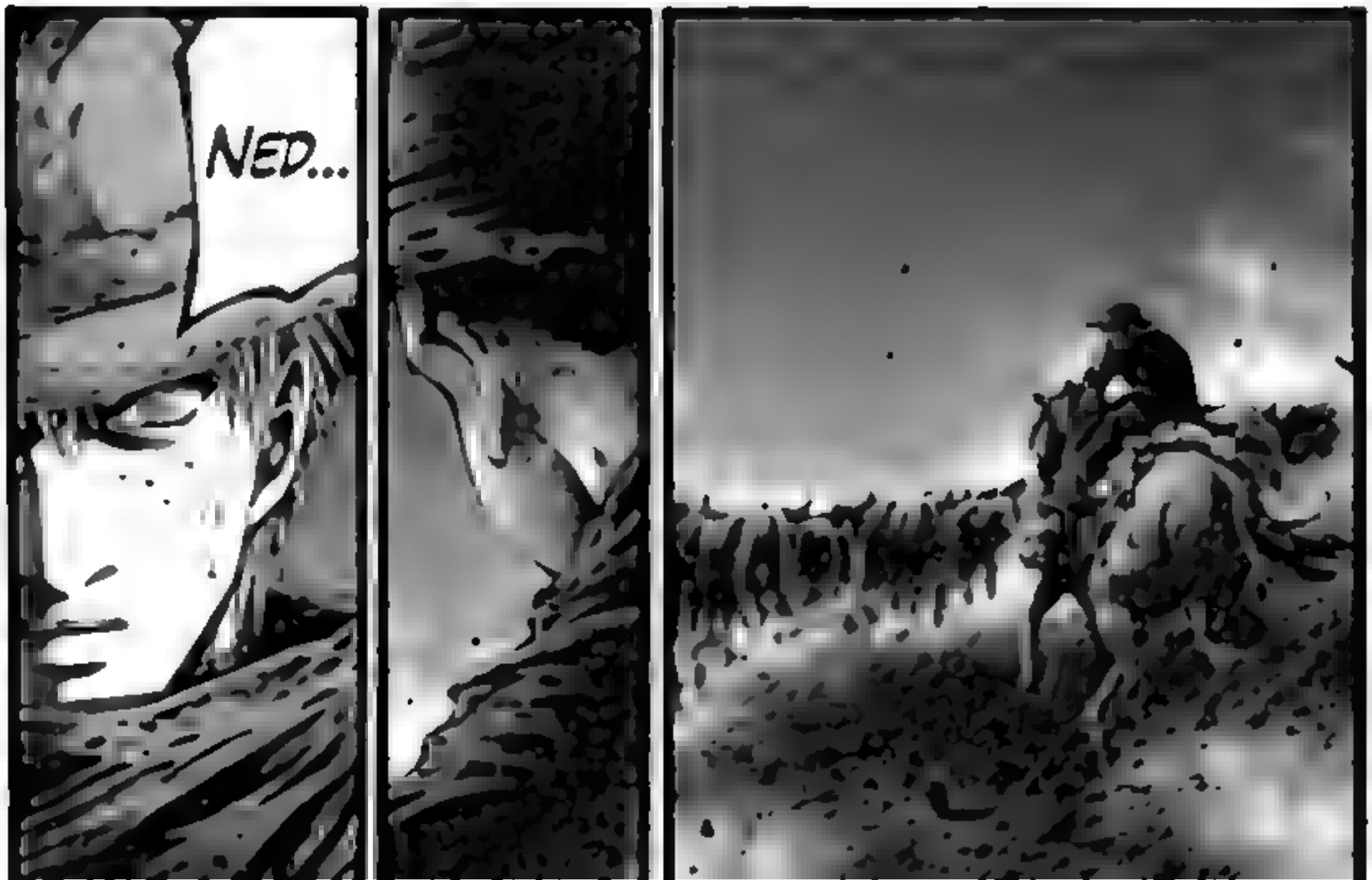
GET ON OUTTA HERE NED!

MAKE BIG MONEY AND SHOW THOSE WHITE FOLK!

WELL KEEP 'EM OFF YOUR BACK!!!

LET'S GO! LAY DOWN COVER FOR NED!

THE CATTLE ARE ON THE MOVE!
HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON?


NED...

LUKE!

BOOM

GOING UNARMED...

THAT STUBBORN ASS!

DON'T LET THE CRACKERS PASS!!

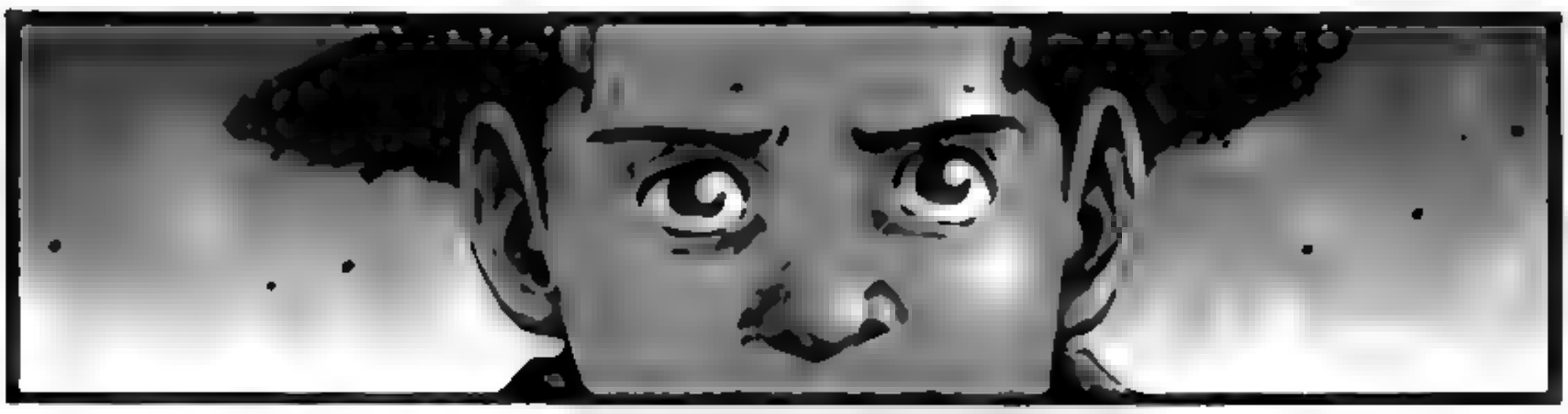
SNAP

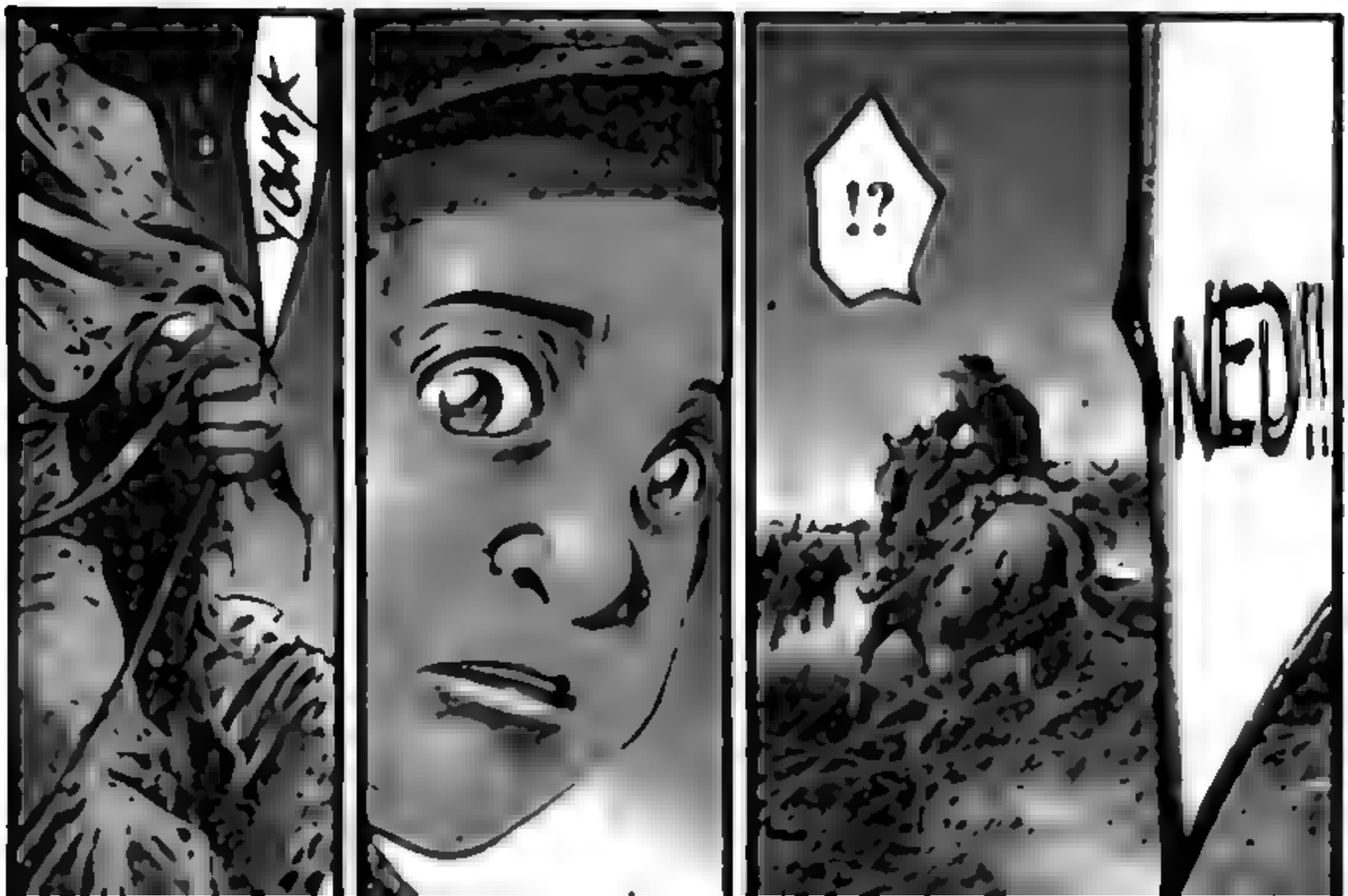
SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

FUCK! SOMEONE STOP THEM CATTLE!!




YAHK
!?
NEO!!

LUKE...
LU...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LET YOU PASS, NED.

L... LUKE.

LET'S GO BACK TO THE RANCH.

WHATEVER YOU DOIN' HERE... STAY BACK!

PAUL!

I... I'LL SHOOT...

IF... IF YOU COME ONE STEP CLOSER...

SHAKE

NO POINT IN RESISTING...

I'M TAKING YOU HOME... NO MATTER WHAT.

BAM

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SLIDE

THUD

WE CAN'T TRUST WHITE PEOPLE...

TWITCH

Y... YOU AIN'T FOOLING ME...

TAP

AN INFERIOR RACE...

WE AIN'T...

SHUT THE FUCK UP!!

TAKING...

I'M... TAKING YOU ...HOME...

NED...

YOU...

YOU WERE PROBABLY PLANNIN' TO CATCH ME OFF GUARD AND DO ME IN.

Y... YOU'RE JUST LIKE "THEM" ANYWAY.

.....

UNARMED...

LUKE...

.....

BUT... THIS IS ALL WRONG...

GOING ABOUT IT LIKE THIS IS...WRONG NED...

I JUST... WANT YOU TO BE FREE...

NED... I DON'T CARE THAT YOU'RE BLACK ...OR THAT I'M WHITE... OR ANY OF THAT.

DOING IT LIKE THIS...

WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

AAHH AAHH AAHH

SLAM

SO...

PANT PANT

COME... WITH...

LUKE...

L...

GYA HAHA HAHA HA!!

BAM!

BAM!

GO!

LET NO-ONE ESCAPE!

AAH!

PANT PANT

BADUS

BAM

GAK

THAT'S THE 4TH LITTLE VARMINT.

tap

I'D SAY WERE ALL BUT DONE HERE...

ALL RIGHT!

...MUCH OBLIGED.

THAT TECHNIQUE WITH THE LARIAT IS MIGHT IMPRESSIVE...

ANYHOW, I GOTTA SAY YOU'RE EVEN BETTER THAN ADVERTISED.

ALL THAT'S LEFT,

IS THAT RUNT WHO TOOK OFF WITH THE HERO.

SLAM

.....

SPIN

.....

UH

UH

EH...

BANG
THUD

WE GET TO DANCE...

FINALLY...

PLANNING ...?

WHAT'RE YOU...

I'M GUESSIN' IT WASN'T A COIN-CIDENCE THAT YOU AND YOUR BROTHER SHOWED UP AT THAT RANCH...AM I RIGHT?

JUST OUT OF CURIOS-ITY...

SKIP!

SORRY, BUT THE HERD AIN'T GOING BACK.

ON US CRIMSON.

YOU CAME THERE FOLLOWING A FEW LEADS...

I MEAN TO KEEP 'EM ALL FOR MYSELF...

PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAIN-TANCE...

I'M THE LARIAT SWALLOW OF THE CRIMSON GANG.

!!

YAK

WOOSH

THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH THINGS.

BRAD BURNS...

PULL

PULL

PULL

PULL

UNTIL I HAVE YOU BOTH.

YOU W'ON'T DIE...

HYA HAHA HAHA HA!!

LET'S ENJOY THIS DANCE A LITTLE LONGER BRAT GURINS!

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GRIP

Chapter 34 Horsemanship

I GOTTA MOVE ON...

I'M SORRY, LUKE...

STOP RIGHT THERE !!!!

NUDGE

AFTER I SELL THESE CATTLE...

I'LL MAKE ENOUGH TO TRULY BE FREE.

IF YOU MOVE EVEN AN INCH...

I'LL BLOW THAT CHARCOAL FACE OF YERS RIGHT OFF!

SMIRK

GRIP

QUAVER

QUAVER

THAT BURNS BOY'S SEEN BETTER DAYS...

HOO...

NOW IF YA DON'T MIND, I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO BRING MY HERD HERE TO ABILENE FOR ME.

BRINGIN' ALL THESE HEAD HERE BY YER-SELF...

ANY-WAY, YOU DONE REAL GOOD FOR A NIGGER BRAT.

AFTER ALL, YOU NIGGERS ARE GOOD AT TAKIN' ORDERS FROM US WHITE FOLK.

THAT'S SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU, RIGHT?

GET READY!

AW YAW

WELL THEN... WE'LL BE GOIN' AS SOON AS I'VE DEALT WITH THE IDIOT BROTHERS OVER HERE.

SLIDE

STEP

I EXPECTED SO MUCH MORE FROM THE BOSS'S KID...

POINT

WHAT A FUCKIN' LET DOWN...

SNAP

!

BAM

FLOP

FLOP

IS HE SOME KIND OF MONSTER?

THIS GLY... AFTER BEING DRAGGED ALL THAT DISTANCE...

UH... UHM

GET OUTTA HERE! NOW!!

GALLOP

GALLOP

NEIGH

LEAP

BANG

THE PRICE FOR FREEDOM IS STEEP...

STAND

YOU FINALLY GET IT NOW, RIGHT...

YOU KEEP PUSHING FORWARD!

PANT

PANT

PANT

IF YOU WANT IT BAD ENOUGH...

UNTIL YOUR LAST DYING BREATH!

TURN

BRAD BURNS, YER A PERSIS-TENT LITTLE FUCKER.

JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE BOSS'S SON.

PANT

PANT

PANT

LOOKS LIKE...

IT'S ABOUT ALL YOU CAN DO JUST TO STAND UP...

FURTHER-MORE...

WHICH

HOWEVER, YOU GOTTA BE DUMB AS SHIT TO FIGHT ME WITHOUT A STEED.

SOUND

HAA!!

PANT PANT

PANT

GET ON!!

HURRY!!

GO

SHI...

GALLOP

HA!!

JUMP

GET YER ASSES BACK HERE!!

BANG

BANG

YOU FUCKING BRAT!!

WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, PLEASE JUMP OFF TO THE RIGHT...

BANG

NE... NED...

BANG

PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE!

I'M GONNA ...

I'LL TOSS THAT GUY FROM HIS HORSE.

NEL... YOU...

CLICK

NOW!

TUMBLE

WHA...

YOU FUCKING BRAT!!
SLASH
GRIT
WHAT YOU STARIN' AT!?
COME AN' GET ME, CRACKER!

LET'S GO!

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THIS WILL BE...

GOOD-NIGHT, BOY.

CLICK

FUUUCK!!!
OH SHIT!
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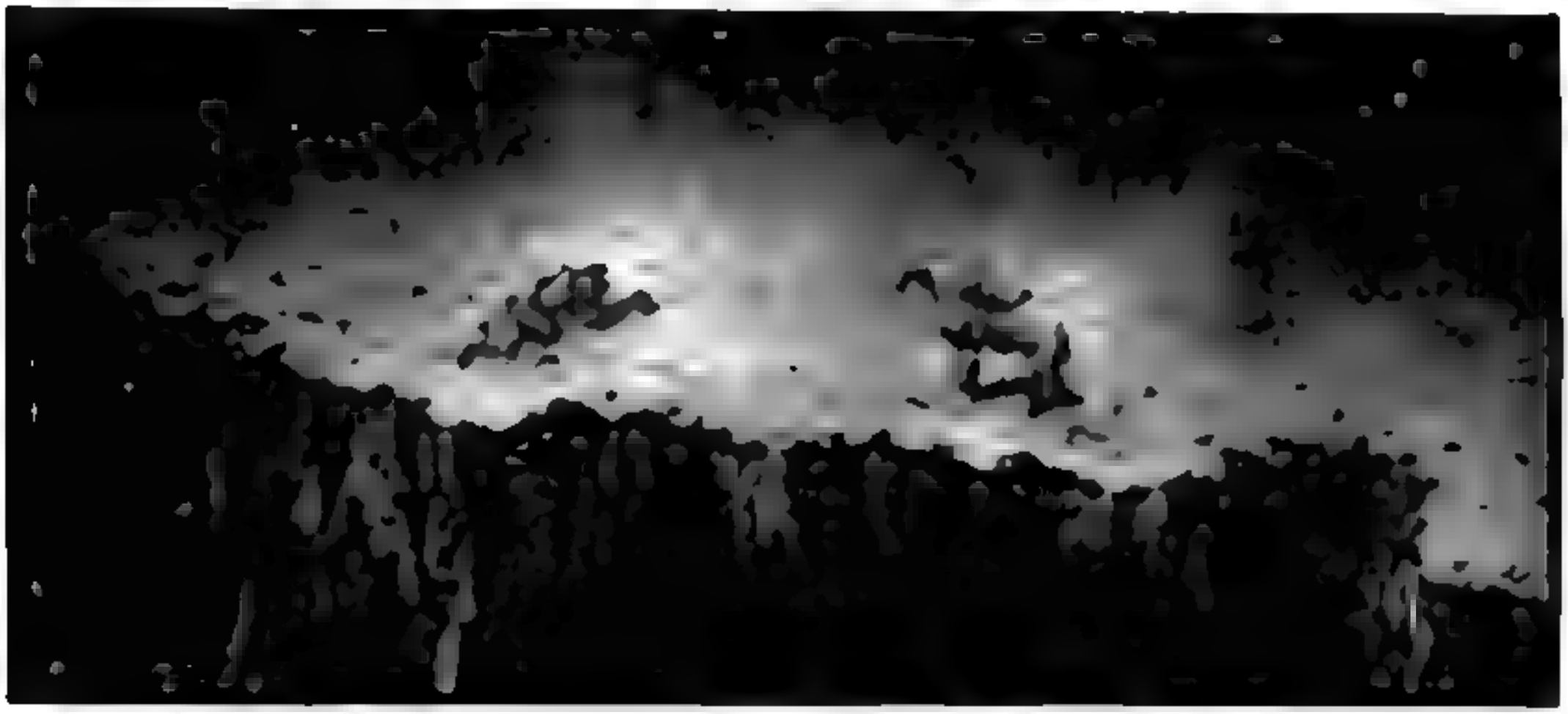


BRAD...
BURNS...
F...
FUCK...

DEAD

DROP DEA...

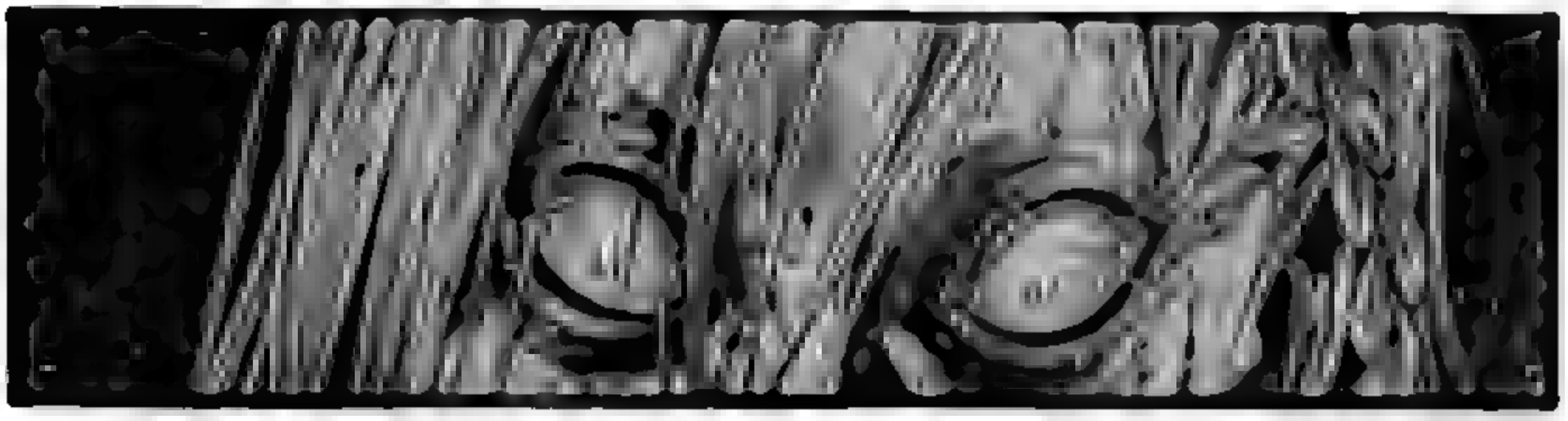
SNAP

SQUEEZE

I'LL BE SENDIN' YOUR BOSS TO HELL REAL SOON...

RELAX...

BE SURE
TO CHECK
HIM WHEN
HE GETS
THERE



BANG
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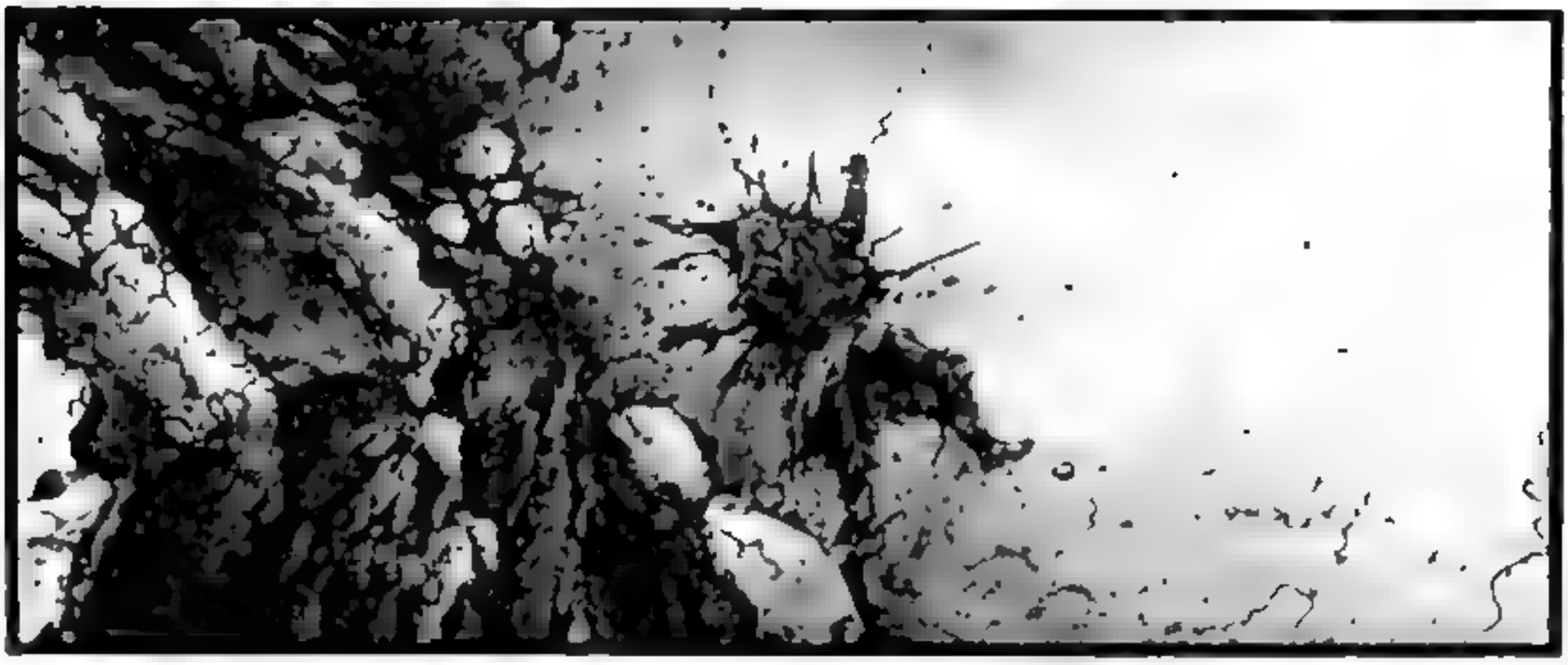
LUKE WAS RIGHT.

YOUR HORSE HANDLING SKILLS ARE SECOND TO NONE.

SLIP

HAA HAA HAA

YOU REALLY SAVED MY ASS.



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NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A SERIOUS ASS WHOOPING...

B...
BOSS...

WHAT OF THE HERD?

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THEY SHOULD BE...HEADIN' FOR ABILENE RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

THEY... SNATCHED 'EM...THE BROTHERS AND SOME NIGGER BRAT.

S...SORRY BOSS...I... FAILED.

LIFT

!

TH... THANKS BOSS...

DO... DON'T WORRY... NEXT TIME...I'LL PUT 'EM BOTH SIX FEET UNDER...YOU CAN COUNT ON IT...

I SEE...

I APPRE-CIATE THE EFFORT.

SURE YOU WILL...

BOSS?

IN THE MEANTIME...

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A LONG REST...

TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH

ABILENE, HUH?

THERE IT IS...
THAT TOWN OVER THERE IS ABILENE.

BESIDES, WE OWE YOU...

DON'T WORRY.

IT WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME WE'RE WANTED MEN...

UM...IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT?

IF YOU DON'T BRING THE HERD BACK THEN-

LUKE'S GONNA PULL THROUGH...

THANKS TO YOUR EMERGENCY TREATMENT...

UM ...WHEN HE DOES WAKES UP...

PLEASE TELL LUKE...

GO ON...GET YOUR ASS MOVING...

IF LUKE COMES TO, HE'S GONNA WANNA DRAG YOUR ASS BACK TO THE RANCH...

KNOWIN' THAT HE CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE JUST FOR ME...

IT REALLY DID MAKE ME HAPPY...

IN 10 YEARS...OR MAYBE 100 YEARS FROM NOW...

I GET WHY HE'S WORRIED. LEAVIN' THE FARM MEANS MY LIFE ONLY GETS TOUGHER FROM HERE ON OUT.

IF WE HAD MET THEN, DURING A DIFFERENT TIME, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS.

IN ORDER TO SPARE ME FROM THAT, LUKE TRIED TO STOP ME...

BUT ALL OF THAT...

NOW JUST WASN'T THE TIME...

It is said that a black gunman who, like Ned, was born the child of a slave became well renowned in the Wild West thanks to his undaunting courage and ability to tame even the most wild of horses. This mysterious black gunmen joined a band of cattle rustlers to best utilize his horse wrangling skills.

In spite of the Emancipation Proclamation, a new form of segregation called the "Jim Crow Laws" slowly reared its ugly head. For the American south, these new laws were embraced and welcomed with open arms...

It would be more than a century later before the Civil Rights Movement gained any momentum and worked towards putting a permanent end to racial segregation.

HE LEFT.

AH.

.....

I KNOW...

HENRY

THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE TO STOP HIM...

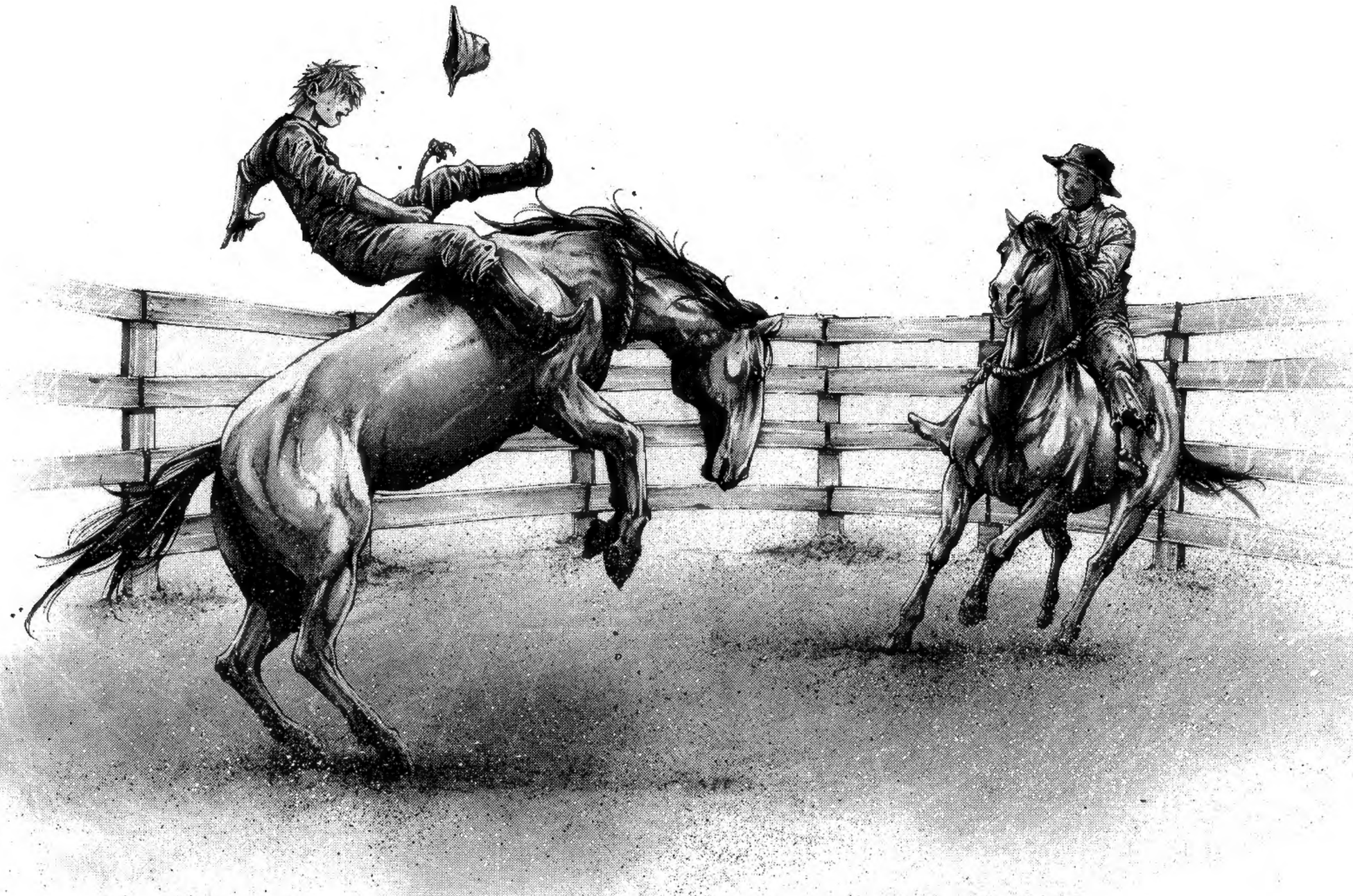
NED KNEW WHAT HE WAS STEPPING INTO...

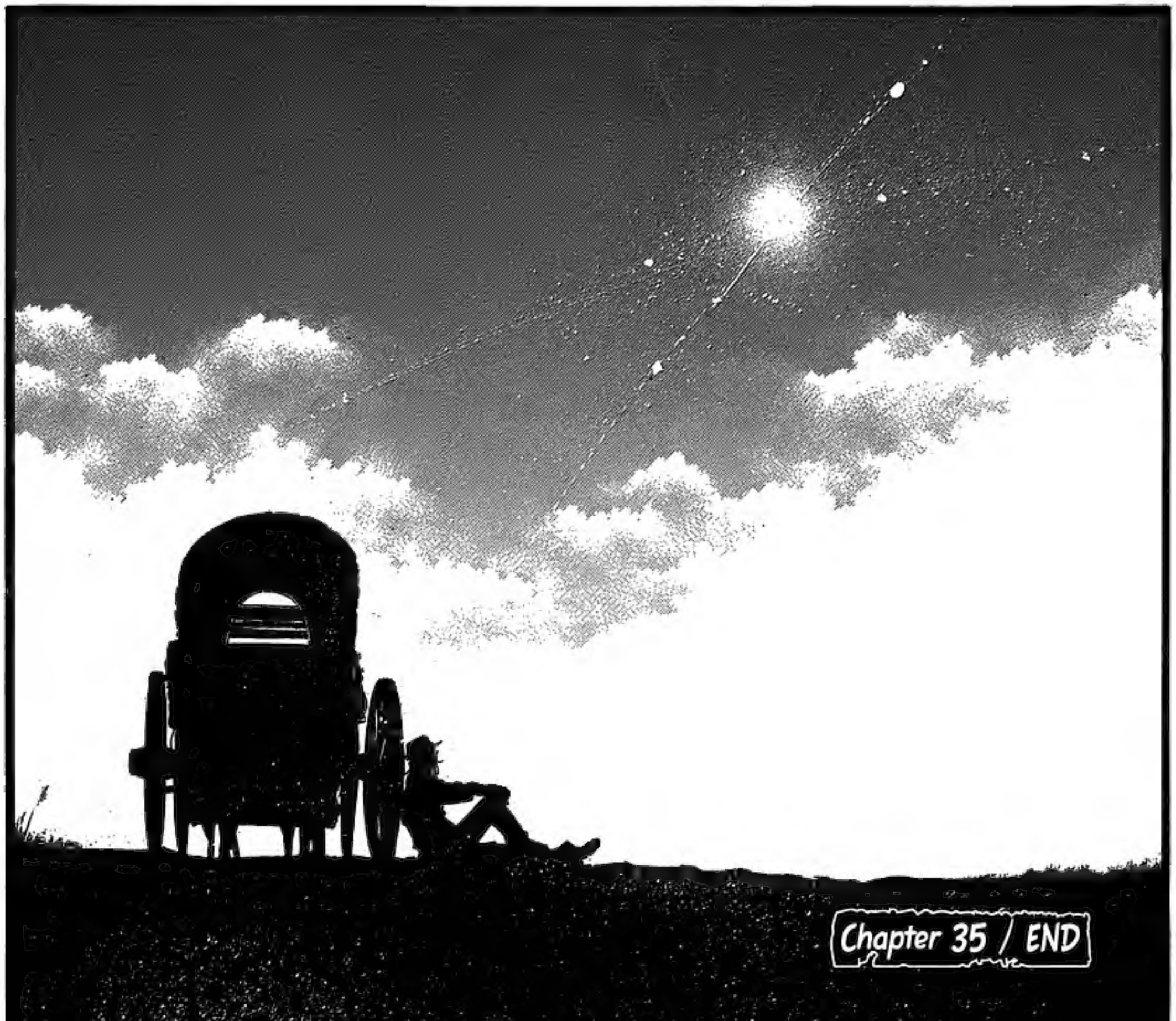
I guess deep down...

I always knew...

AH, I'M NED...NED WHITE.

I'M LUKE BURNS, YOU?

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